

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that Claim 48 was indicated to be allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated September 22, 2003.

However, Applicants upon further consideration of the allowed claim, realize that the term "purified" unduly limits the present claim. The present claim applies to both an *in vitro* screening assay and *in vivo* screening assay. herefore, Applicants have filed this Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and fee to have this Amendment entered in the case.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for this amended Claim 48.

Respectfully submitted,

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